

**MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 6, 2022**

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:34 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present

Attorney Allison M. Near, **Chair**

Honorable Laura F. Baldini

G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.

Honorable William R. Dyson

Aimee Golbert, LCSW, BCD

Honorable Kevin S. Russo

Others Present

TaShun Bowden-Lewis, Chief Public Defender

John R. Day, Deputy Chief Public Defender

Erin M. Ryan, Director of Human Resources

Deborah Del Prete Sullivan, Legal Counsel, Director

David Warner, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 14 (Hartford)

Carla Droniak, Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 5 (Derby)

Rosanna Cappetta, Assistant Public Defender

Geographical Area 5 (Derby)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the following Authorizations to Incur Expenses: 12-2022-01; 12-2022-02; 12-2022-03; and 12-2022-04.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Carla Droniak to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 5 (Derby). G. Kenneth Bernhard abstained from the vote.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
CARLA DRONIAK

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to appoint Attorney Shannon Q. Lozier to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford).

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
SHANNON Q. LOZIER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to ratify the appointment of Travis Cormier to the position of Fiscal Assistant II, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

RATIFICATION OF
TRAVIS CORMIER

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to reappoint the following attorneys to a

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

new four-year term: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kenneth Bunker, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 12/11/2026; Assistant Public Defender, Tyler Edwards, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11, expiring on 12/11/2026; Director, Juvenile Post Conviction Unit, James Connolly, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 12/13/2026; Assistant Public Defender, Keith Zackowitz, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven), expiring on 12/17/2026; Assistant Public Defender, Jean Park, Geographical Area 21 (Norwich), expiring on 12/21/2026; and Public Defender, Christopher Eddy, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15, expiring on 12/24/2026.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Public Defender Secretary II, Suzanne Ajeigbe, Geographical Area 5 (Derby), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Paralegal I, Kirsten Gardner, CT Innocence Project/Post-Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Richard Gudis, Middletown Judicial District/Geographical Area 9, upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Jullian Jones, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, April Pramer-Zalenski, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), upon the successful completion of her probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to grant permanent status to Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Albert Unger, Geographical Area 20 (Norwalk), upon the successful completion of his probationary period.

PERMANENT STATUS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, Dawn Bradanini, Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Senior Assistant Public Defender, John Cizik, Waterbury Judicial District.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Samuel Greenberg, Geographical Area 23 (New Haven).

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED by majority of the Commission to approve the outside employment request of Public Defender, Jared Millbrandt, Stamford Judicial District.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John R. Day
Deputy Chief Public Defender